

Waterfront access Atlantic-Furman traffic circle sought



A view of the Brooklyn waterfront from Windows on the World taken in 1999. The Brooklyn Bridge Park development is planned to span from just beyond the Manhattan Bridge (far left) to Joralemon Street.

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

A jitney bus, a tunnel conversion from the Clark Street 2/3 subway station, a bridge from the promenade, and now a traffic circle at Atlantic Avenue and Furman Street. The Brooklyn Bridge Park Local Development Corporation (LDC) can tack that latest idea onto a \$1 million federal access study obtained by Rep. Nydia Velázquez for the commercial and recreational development that will encompass the Brooklyn Heights waterfront.

On Thursday, the Neighborhood Open Space Coalition convened a meeting with about 40 people, many of whom were neighborhood association or city and state agency representatives, to discuss the improvement of local Brooklyn streets. The meeting, sponsored by Velázquez, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council and the Brooklyn Bridge Park Coalition, began with a workshop by Charles Gandy, a former Texas state legislator and now a consultant with Livable Communities, a trail planning and bicycle and pedestrian advocacy group.

Gandy led a discussion on ideas for pedestrian-friendly streets that would remain functional for traffic.

The slides featured flower-lined roadways with various measures for traffic mitigation as well as slides of dysfunction.

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The race to spend Park planners hope to use cash while they can

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

The developers of Brooklyn Bridge Park will fast-track their plans through the Environmental Impact Statement and design processes before vulnerable dollars are grabbed by a cash-starved city and state, a park-planning consultant said Thursday.

At the Nov. 7 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), a 21-member group from the surrounding

communities of Brooklyn Heights, Cobble Hill, DUMBO, Park Slope and Boerum Hill, planners and consultants laid out a swift schedule for the implementation of plans for the commercial and recreational waterfront development. The CAC is an official advisory committee to the developers, the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation.

"The city and state are in their worst situation in 30 years," said John Alschuler, a consultant with the firm Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Alschuler (HRA), which helped develop the master plan for Brook-

lyn Bridge Park and continues to consult with the developers. "Everyone knows the \$150 million is at risk... It would behoove anyone in this process to move as quickly as possible so this money is not at risk," Alschuler told CAC members.

The master plan calls for a \$150 million commercial and recreation development spanning from Jay Street, under the Manhattan Bridge, 1.3 miles south to Pier 5 at Joralemon Street. The state has committed

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State Sen. Minority Leader Marty Connor is facing ouster from his leadership position

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Connor a goner

Senate Dems to oust Heights rep as Minority Leader

The Brooklyn Papers

In part decrying his work for gubernatorial spoiler Tom Golisano, 14 state Senate Democrats vowed Wednesday to oust Brooklyn Heights Sen. Martin Connor from his minority leadership post.

Manhattan state Sen. David Paterson, 48, the deputy minority leader, who has represented Harlem, the Upper West Side and Washington Heights since 1985, announced he had more than enough votes to pull off the coup Tuesday, at the organizational meeting of the De-

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Latest defense O'Hara gets new day in court



John Kennedy O'Hara outside Downtown's federal court.

The Brooklyn Papers / Greg Mango

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

A federal judge has agreed to reopen the case of John O'Hara, the long-time insurgent against the Kings County Democratic organization, who was found guilty of illegal voting.

Judge John Gleeson agreed to hear oral arguments on the case in

the Eastern District courthouse on Calman Plaza East on Dec. 20, calling into question O'Hara's 1999 conviction for illegal voting.

For O'Hara, it will be just the latest trip to court to clear his name from what he believes was a politically motivated prosecution right from the beginning, in 1996.

"Hynes has been saying all along that it's not political," O'Hara said

this week. "In reality, why did he pick me? Because I'm just a voter? No. Because I ran for office. That's the way it happens. The winners take office and the losers go to jail."

Forcing costly primaries, he claims, angered his challengers and the county party, who, he said, orchestrated a politically motivated prosecution.

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B'klyn Law defies the city

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

Despite being ordered by the city Department of Buildings to cease all work on its State Street dormitory site after collapsing an adjacent garage last week, Brooklyn Law School's contractor resumed work days later and was slapped with yet another violation.

On Nov. 6, workers for Urban Foundation Engineering, Brooklyn Law's contractor on the massive dorm project, were spotted removing boulders from the site, an action that had not been approved by the Buildings Department (DOB), an agency spokeswoman told The Brooklyn Papers.

While the contractor does have permission to shore up the adjacent properties, no work is permitted on the dorm site until necessary safety

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inspections are completed on the bordering buildings.

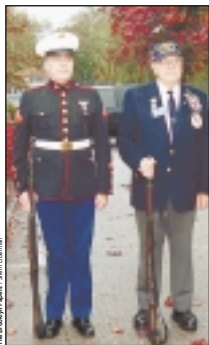
Contacted by The Papers, Brooklyn Law School officials said this week that the matter was under investigation.

On Oct. 31, Urban Foundation Engineering knocked down a por-

tion of an adjacent parking lot at 199 State St. No one was hurt, but the entire building had to be demolished by the city, with most of its tenant vehicles still inside, after it was determined that to rescue the cars would have been too dangerous.

The contractor was slapped with three violations, including failure to safeguard an adjoining building. According to both Councilman

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Veterans honored

Memorial rifle squad members Andres Gomes and Stan Costello (left) stand at attention during Veterans Day ceremonies at 2nd Street and Eighth Avenue in Bay Ridge. At bottom right, Chaplain Joseph Scognamiglio, Commander Robert O'Hare and Vice Commander Raymond Iocobacci, speak at same services. Meanwhile, at Fort Hamilton Army Base's Veterans Day military "retreat" ceremony (top right), Sgt. Shannon Dyer covers artillery after it was fired.

By Patrick Gallahue
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Long Island College Hospital gave a sneak preview of its upgraded emergency room on Nov. 6, with guests who were in a significantly more celebratory mood than its future intakes are likely to be.

Amid hors d'oeuvres and wine, elected officials, members of the hospital's board of directors and community activists toured the new facilities, which will officially open to patients at the end of March.

The new CAT scan had been added to the emergency room, which had previously been located in the basement of the Fuller Building adjacent to the emergency department.

"Much of the bio-terrorism thinking that came out after Sept. 11, we tried to incorporate as well," said Mark McDougale, the chief operating officer of Long Island College Hospital (LICH).

Assisted by private fundraising by the Chest Foundation, a philanthropic wing of the American College of Chest Physicians, as well as LICH doctors, a group led by Park Slope neighborhood activist Ellen Freudenheim; and Raskas, a nationwide net-



EMT Supervisor Edward Caballero demonstrates a device that would decontaminate an ambulance in case of a bio-terrorism emergency at the new LICH emergency room.

The Brooklyn Papers / Sherril Liberman

work of Jewish community schools, LICH now has more than 50 hazardous materials, or Hazmat suits, an advanced radiation detector and antidotes for nerve agents.

As anthrax cases emerged in New York City after Sept. 11, Dr. Lewis Kohl, chairman of the department of

emergency medicine at LICH, was one of Brooklyn's most outspoken advocates for developing hazardous materials programs.

"In the emergency medicine community we've been trying to get hospitals to gear up for years. But it's hard to get hospitals to spend money on

equipment that's never going to be used," Kohl told The Brooklyn Papers last October. "Now it's easier to have that discussion."

In addition, there are now separate waiting rooms for children and the size of the emergency room will be doubled.

The hospital broke ground on the renovations in October 2000. The \$5 million project has remained on target to be finished by this March. Since the construction began, the emergency department has been shifted to adjacent areas.

The upgrade to the emergency department is part of a \$63 million LICH modernization project, which, in turn, is part of a \$130 million endowment from the estate of Donald Othmer, a longtime LICH regent, and his wife, Mildred Topp Othmer, which will update practically every sector of the hospital including patient floors, medical equipment and clinical department.

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Nab suspect in cobbler killing

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Police this week arrested a suspect in the shooting death of Tae Sub Kim, who was found dead in his shoe repair shop on Fourth Avenue between 10th and 11th streets.

Jason Belliard, 21, a small-time crook, was arrested on Wednesday night in connection with the murder of the Park Slope cobbler.

According to police, Belliard, of Prospect Park West between 17th and 18th streets, had been in trouble with the law before, drawing charges of criminal mischief and possession of stolen property.



The owner of Nam's Shoe Repair was gunned down in Park Slope last week.

A murder weapon was not recovered and police said the investigation is ongoing.

On Nov. 4, a customer discovered Kim dead behind the counter of Nam's Shoe Repair with one gunshot wound to the back of the head. While the register had not been opened, Kim's pockets, where the tradesman reportedly kept his money, were emptied.

The customer called police, who began their search for Kim's killer.

Police were reportedly tipped off by a suspect being held on drug charges, who fingered Belliard and two other men as the culprits. Police took Belliard and the two men into custody, although the other two were released and neither charged.

A grand jury was considering Belliard's indictment as this went to press.

Kim immigrated to the United States over 20 years ago from Korea. He and his wife struggled to open the store 13 years ago and toiled behind the counter 10 hours a day, six days a week.

In the days after the murder, the neighborhood was left stunned by the crime, leaving flowers, cards and candles outside the closed, wrought-iron gate. Those sentiments have continued to mount, with candles lit nightly, and a dry cleaner next door taking donations for Kim's family.

Belliard's court-appointed attorney could not be reached for comment by the time this went to press.

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Bandit busts window for senior joint juice

By Patrick Gallahue
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Police responding to a call of a break-in at a grocery store on Clark Street at Henry Street, said they arrived just in time to catch the suspect inside the store with a 64-ounce bottle of NuVin in hand. The dietary supplement drink is intended to help support muscle flexibility and sturdy joints, especially in older adults.

According to police, they responded to a call of a burglary in progress at around 4

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am on Nov. 10. The arresting officer said he saw the 28-year-old suspect — considerably younger than NuVin's standard market, which is pitched in ads for the product by Dick Clark — inside the store with a glass door smashed. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Inside job

A 30-year-old employee of a store on DeKalb Avenue and

Fulton Street was arrested for allegedly lifting \$1,817 from a safe-deposit box inside the store.

According to police, the suspect pilfered the loot from the clothing store at around 9 am on Nov. 7. She was arrested the following day and charged with grand larceny.

Dry cleaned out

A burglar cleaned a dry cleaner on Henry Street between Orange and Pineapple streets out of \$700, a cash register and a Sony computer monitor reportedly worth \$1,000.

The proprietor said he closed the store at around 7 pm on Nov. 4, and opened at 7 am the next day to find the glass on the front door was smashed and his property taken.

Cash drop

A 40-year-old man was making a deposit at a bank on Montague Street between Clinton and Court streets on Nov. 4, when he was swindled out of a fistful of cash.

At around 2:10 pm, the victim was about to make a deposit into the ATM, when someone behind him said, "You dropped your money."

The victim saw a few bills on the ground and knelt down to pick them up, when the robber grabbed the cash out of the ATM's deposit slot and ran.

The victim chased him out of the bank, but the suspect jumped into a car waiting outside and sped off. Police did not say how much was stolen.

Toothy thief

A shoplifter stole two kits of gold and diamond teeth with a quantity of 20 each, from a jewelry store on DeKalb Avenue at Fulton Street.

An employee told police that on Nov. 5, shortly before 4 pm, the thief opened a glass counter and grabbed the kits and then fled. The teeth were reportedly worth \$20,000.

Won't take no

A 13-year-old boy was counting his money, at around 5 pm on Nov. 7, outside a shoe store on Fulton Street between Jay and Lawrence streets, when a man approached and

asked him if he wanted to buy a pair of sneakers.

When the boy said no, the shoe peddler snatched \$90 out of his hand and ran away.

Not neighborly

A 23-year-old man told police he returned home at around 4:30 pm on Nov. 5, to find a resident of his building, on Henry Street at Clark Street, and another man, inside his apartment without permission.

The victim got into a brief altercation with the unfamiliar trespasser, before the two men fled. The 20-year-old neighbor was arrested and charged with burglary.

Tooth fairies

Two women robbed a dentist's office on Union Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

The suspects each made appointments for Nov. 8, at around 3:30 pm. Upon arriving at the dentist's office, according to an employee, one of the suspects distracted her, while two other women, one with an appointment and one without, robbed her purse of credit cards and \$350. The trio then fled.

It could not be determined by press time if they used phony names for their appointment.

Dog jacker

A brown 1986 Chevy Caprice, with two dogs inside, was stolen Nov. 10 from a parking lot in front of the Parkmark supermarket on Hamilton Avenue at 12th Street.

The victim parked the car at around 1:15 pm, according to police, and returned about 15 minutes later to discover the car and his two passengers, a German shepherd and a retriever, were taken as well.

The victim told police he had left the motor running, but locked the doors of the vehicle.

Cash to go

A man ordered some food from a restaurant on Fifth Avenue of Third Street, and then took \$300 to go.

Employees told police the robber entered the diner at around 10 pm on Nov. 5 and placed his order. When an employee went to the kitchen to prepare the food, another worker said she saw the robber, brandishing a black handgun, run behind the counter, grab the cash, and flee down Fifth Avenue.

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Bar conned of 3Gs

By Patrick Gallahue

The Brooklyn Papers

Two men with nefarious intentions entered a bar on Fifth Avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets, claiming to work for the city Department of Sanitation.

The trash-collecting kleptomaniacs entered the establishment at around 12:30 pm, on Nov. 7, and said they were enforcement agents. One of the men distracted an employee while the other allegedly stole a cash box from behind the register, containing \$3,000.

Staying true to their guise, or simply because they are fond of trash, the men also took a bag of garbage with them when they left, police said.

Dirty pool

A man entered the 78th Precinct complaining that after he refused to play a game of pool, an acquaintance hit him with a bottle and bit him on the chest.

According to police, the suspect was mingling with his associate at Park Place and Flat-

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bush Avenue on Nov. 7, when at around 11:30 pm, his companion challenged him to a game of billiards. Upon his refusal, the pool-loving pal allegedly attacked him. In addition to the bottle attack, and the chest bite, the victim said he was robbed of his bag, reportedly containing a \$285 gold chain.

Caught like rats

A 48-year-old woman returned to her home, on Fifth Avenue between Eighth and Ninth streets, on Nov. 8 only to discover a pair of burglars in her apartment.

The victim told police she opened her door at around 4:45 pm, and saw two men in her living room.

Much like the theory of vermin — that they're more afraid of you than you are of them — the two burglars scurried out the living room window.

The police report did not state if anything was stolen.

Tooth fairies

Two women robbed a dentist's office on Union Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

The suspects each made appointments for Nov. 8, at around 3:30 pm. Upon arriving at the dentist's office, according to an employee, one of the suspects distracted her, while two other women, one with an appointment and one without, robbed her purse of credit cards and \$350. The trio then fled.

It could not be determined by press time if they used phony names for their appointment.

Short-circuited
Despite his best efforts, a burglar simply could not break into a business on 14th Street at Second Avenue.

According to police, sometime between 4:30 pm on Nov. 7, and 6:30 am the next day, the burglar tried to short-circuit the electric gate by ripping off a side panel and crossing the wires. When that failed, he reportedly tried to pry open the window gates, again with little success. When those efforts failed, he apparently gave up.

Cash to go
A man ordered some food from a restaurant on Fifth Avenue off Third Street, and then took \$300 to go.

Employees told police, the robber entered the diner at around 10 pm on Nov. 5 and placed his order. When an employee went to the kitchen to prepare the food, another worker said she saw the robber brandish a black handgun, run behind the counter, grab the cash, and flee down Fifth Avenue.



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all streets, with elongated crosswalks, which are difficult for seniors to cross, and void of aesthetic accessories.

One photograph that seemed to resonate with those in attendance was a picture of Atlantic Avenue, west of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway overpass. The intersection is a cacophony of crosswalks, traffic lanes, and signals that collide where Columbia Street, Furman Street, Hamilton Avenue and Atlantic Avenue meet.

Solutions discussed included a bucolic traffic circle with

grass-strewn islands navigating the various lanes of traffic.

"The greening will provide buffering between the traffic and the people and make it a more pleasant walking environment," said David Lutz, executive director of the Neighborhood Open Space Coalition. "There was agreement that the area from the [overpass] back to the water has to be changed significantly; there was general agreement that a traffic circle was good there and makes the intersection more manageable."

The development of a primary park gateway on Atlantic Avenue would successfully divert pedestrian traffic away from the narrow Jerusalem Street, Lutz said. Residents of

that block have long expressed concern that pedestrian flow would crowd the quiet street when it becomes the suggested most access point to Brooklyn Bridge Park.

"There was an understanding that Atlantic Avenue has to be made the southern entrance to the park and that the role of Jerusalem Street was not primary," Lutz said. "So we have had to encourage people to use the Atlantic Avenue entrance."

Additionally, the traffic circle could become part of a footpath along the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway, a vision of several community groups that have visualized a pastoral pedestrian and bicycle path along the waterfront on Columbia Street, down Degraw Street and then following Van Brunt Street to Hamilton Avenue.

Lutz said he plans to mention the idea in a report and

letter to Velazquez and the LDC requesting that it be incorporated in the study.

But incorporating landscaping studies into an already busy project calls into question where the parameters of access begin and end.

"The study, it's open," said Velazquez spokeswoman Wendy Belzer. "It could be a traffic circle. The scope is so broad and so open."

Roy Sloane, a long-time member of the LDC, suggested the intersection idea be submitted to both the LDC and the Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation, which has its own planning efforts underway.

"This is the time for ideas," Sloane said. "I think it would be a mistake to decide that this is the answer and start pressing for it, but this is the time for ideas and there certainly is the scope to consider these."

Brooklyn Papers recently, "Whether we will be able to expend all \$10.8 million on Brooklyn Bridge Park projects prior to having an EIS, that's questionable."

Meanwhile, the city is facing a budget gap of around \$6 billion next year and the mayor has already said there could be a \$1 billion deficit this year.

Moogan pledged that the swift pace would not affect how the community is informed about the results of the study or the design.

"The community board will be fully informed. The CAC will be fully informed," Moogan said. "No one will be blindsided by this."

The project will not, in all likelihood, have to pass through the city's much more rigorous Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, which requires approval by the City Planning Commission and City Council with recommendations from the community boards and borough president, because much of the property belongs to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, as well as the state and will be run by a joint city-state entity, rather than be sold or turned over to a private entity.

The ULURP process can also serve to modify projects along the way to an approval.

"The city and state have committed to a [review] process," said Moogan. "I think it's still to be determined what part of the ULURP will be enacted here."

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ted \$85 million, and the city another \$65 million to the project.

With massive deficits looming, however, every project in the city and state will likely be scrutinized for cuts.

Seeking to have their shovels in the earth by spring 2004, the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation (BBPDC), a subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation, charged with developing the 67 waterfront acres, hopes to design the park at the same time as an environmental review is undertaken.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected to begin in January or February, said Jim Moogan, executive director of the BBPDC, and a design team is to be selected around the same time.

The master plan as it presently exists could be adjusted, according to the park developers, and both the

BBPDC and the advisory council are discussing alternatives to portions of the plan.

When the EIS is underway, which will study traffic impacts, access and the environmental conditions of the piers and structures, "they [will] test the alternatives," Moogan said.

The EIS, which will cost between \$2 million and \$2.5 million, should take 12 to 14 months.

Councilman David Yassky, whose district encompasses most of the park, has already expressed concerns regarding a \$10.8 million allocation for this fiscal year for portions of the development in and around the Purchase Building. The finances were cast into limbo after the Office of Emergency Management moved into the building, under the Brooklyn Bridge overpass. The mayor's command bunker is scheduled to remain there until 2005.

Asked whether the \$10.8 million could be spent expeditiously, Moogan told The

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rounding buildings at the time the removal of the buildings was discovered.

Salzinger, Yassky and the inspector were investigating damage to 82 Schermerhorn St., when Salzinger said, the Buildings inspector noticed that work was being performed, other than shoring up the abutting buildings.

"He's like 'What are they doing?'" Salzinger said. "And he just gestured to them and said, 'Turn the machines off.'"

Since the garage collapsed residents of the surrounding buildings have expressed concerns about the conditions of their properties as well as how safe future construction will be.

"I want to make sure those plans are gone over with a fine-tooth comb and maybe have someone from the Department of Buildings watching them all the time," Salzinger said.

"Certainly the Buildings Department can't supervise every construction site in the city," Yassky said, while praising the agency's enforcement thus far.

"But once there's an incident like the garage collapse, it's appropriate for the DOB to focus like a laser beam on the site to make sure that the work there is safe."

The law school has agreed to pay for independent engineering reports on the stability of 96 Schermerhorn St., and 90 Schermerhorn St., by a firm of their choice, Yassky said.

A Brooklyn Law School spokesman told The Papers that safety enhancements are ongoing at the site and being performed under the DOB's Building Enforcement Safety Task Force.

The collapse was a public relations fiasco for the law school, which has faced staunch community opposition to its planned 22-story, 230-unit dormitory at the corner of State Street and Boerum Place, to house 400 students.

Neighborhood groups in Brooklyn Heights, Cobble Hill and Boerum Hill, united in opposition against the proposal to rezone the site in order to allow Brooklyn Law to build above the 120-foot height limit promulgated by the Special Downtown Brooklyn District, which the city passed just last year.

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When you gotta go...

Q: "My 8-year-old son sometimes gets so involved in playing a game or drawing that he hates to drag himself away to go pee. His pediatrician says the problem is not physical, since he's able to hold his bladder during the night. Our son is certainly aware of our displeasure." —a mother

A: One boy with a similar wetting problem says he "just doesn't pay attention to those things." His mother sums up her frustration: "It's driving me up the wall."

"Often it's initially an accident," says Jeffrey Brown, MD, a pediatrician in Westchester. "Then because of the parents' reaction, it takes on a life of its own. The trick is to nip it in the bud."

When a child wets his pants long after toilet training should be over, the first step is to rule out any medical problems, such as an infection, diabetes or chronic constipation that decreases bladder capacity, Brown says.

A mother also thought her daughter just didn't want to stop playing to take a bathroom break.

But a urologist found the girl's urethra — the canal through which urine is discharged from the bladder — was shortened and crooked, and a condition called reflux was causing some of her urine to back up. The child, then age 4, had surgery to correct the urethra and her accidents stopped.

"Most often the day-wetting problem is exhibited by a rather immature child, who gets so involved in an activity that he or she neglects to use the bathroom," says Charles E. Schaefer, PhD, a child psychologist who has treated children with the problem.

Schaefer, a psychology professor at Fairleigh Dickinson

Parent-to-Parent



By Betsy Flagler

University in New Jersey, suggests parents dealing with day-time wetting should consult with a pediatric psychologist who will tailor short-term treatment to fit the needs of the child.

Infrequent or delayed voiding of urine is a common behavior exhibited by children, says William K. Strand, MD, a pediatric urologist.

"Some children would rather play and socialize during bathroom breaks at school," he says. "This infrequent urination can result in accidents during class, bed-wetting and frequent bladder infections."

How to break the "holding" pattern? One approach: Use of a wristwatch alarm set every two hours while awake — and set during break times at school — reinforces responsible bathroom habits and helps recognition of bladder fullness, Strand says.

"Don't ask if the child has a full bladder, but rather remind him that it is time to empty his bladder," he suggests.

Strand compares a child who delays emptying his bladder to a person who uses the snooze-

button on an alarm clock and the bladder send a signal that an action is necessary, Strand says. The action can be delayed by suppressing the signal, but the signal recurs repeatedly until it is reset. Ignoring either the alarm clock or bladder signal has consequences.

"Follow-through and emptying of the bladder are essential or else the wristwatch alarm really does become a bladder snooze-alarm," Strand says.

Brown, who teaches in the pediatrics department at Cornell University's medical school, says parents should not ignore the behavior.

"We've come full circle — from an extreme of berating and embarrassing the child, to talking to kids without the expectation for success," Brown says.

"It's wrong to embarrass the child, but it's also wrong to act as if it's OK."

If a child wets his pants, say to him matter-of-factly: "I'm not happy about it."

Tell him to go change his clothes, then cut off the conversation to take away attention, Brown suggests.

"If you ignore it, the child gets the feeling that it's okay," Brown says.

A mother gave her boys goals — such as earning a trip to a fast-food restaurant for staying dry for three days, then five days.

As you set up goals and rewards, choose your words carefully — such as "when you're dry..." instead of "if" — to show that you expect your child to be successful, Brown says.

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O'HARA...

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"There's no more elections in Brooklyn," said O'Hara. "There's only primaries and primaries don't automatically happen. I was a 1996 primary."

The original charge against O'Hara contended that he had registered to vote and voted from an address on 47th Street in Sun-

set Park, while maintaining a primary residence on 61st Street.

O'Hara — who unsuccessfully ran for state Assembly three times and City Council twice — was indicted on seven felony counts in October 1996 for registering to vote and voting from the temporary address. He contends he was the first person to face criminal prosecution for improper voting since Susan B. Anthony in 1876.

He faced one-to-four years in prison for each count, then he was convicted in 1997, but was sentenced to five years probation, fined \$20,000, disbursed as an attorney and handed 1,500 hours of community service collecting trash on Shore Road, between 60th and 100th streets, once a week.

The conviction was overturned on appeal in 1998 and he was tried again in 1999, resulting in a hung jury.

O'Hara was tried a third time, later in 1999, which, O'Hara claims, was the first time District Attorney Charles Hynes, who shares a cozy relationship with the Kings County Democratic organization, had ever tried anyone three times.

He was ultimately convicted and then lost an appeal in 2001 by a vote of 5-2. It was one of only 13 cases with dissenting opinions out of 176 decided by the state Court of Appeals last year, according to the court's annual report.

In his dissenting opinion, Judge Albert Rosenblatt challenged whether the case should have been brought in criminal court and wrote, "If politically charged disputes such as this and questions of 'residence' are going to be resolved in the criminal arena... we should ensure that the definition of residence is plainly understood."

O'Hara said this week that Rosenblatt's mention of political motivation was a sure sign that Hynes' prosecution, as he has contended since 1996, was motivated by a desire to teach a lesson to someone who had been a fly in the ointment to the Brooklyn Democrats.

"We never put politics in the brief at all, strictly issues of law," O'Hara said. "And for some reason, two justices at the Court of Appeals called the case politically charged."

Hynes did not return calls for comment.

Politics, however, will not be the issue before the federal court.

In order to have his case heard before the federal court, O'Hara had to be legally "imprisoned."

O'Hara subsequently petitioned for a writ of habeas corpus, a judi-

cial mandate ordering that an inmate be brought to the court so it can be determined whether or not that person is imprisoned lawfully and whether or not he should be released from custody. Though O'Hara is not actually incarcerated, his community service counts as confinement, according to the case of Barry v. Bergen City Prison (1997). Thus, Gleason agreed to hear the case.

Gleason will decide whether it is constitutional to literally apply the term "permanent home" to residency requirements.

Discussing the issue relative to a criminal conviction will be unique.

In O'Hara's Memorandum of Law to the court, his attorney, Barry Falk, cites Auerback v. Kinley (1984), in which the court stated, "permanent... should not be read literally but rather 'intended' to approximate the test for domicile, i.e., physical presence and an intention to remain for the time at least."

O'Hara maintains that he made his share of political enemies by forcing primaries, often three-way races as the outsider against an incumbent Democrat and one backed by a local political organization, usually the Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats.

In 1990, he ran against Assemblyman James Brennan and was knocked off the ballot. Two years later, O'Hara's former campaign manager, James Brennan, was also knocked off the ballot after his petition signatures were challenged.

He twice ran against Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, dropping out of the race in 1994 after his signatures were challenged, and losing in a landslide in 1996.

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mocratic conference.

This is the first time Connor has been challenged for minority leader since he took the post in 1994.

"I think it was no one particular issue," said southeast Brooklyn state Sen. Carl Kruger, who Connor pledged to throw out of the conference last week for endorsing Bay Ridge Republican Councilman Marty Golden over incumbent Democrat, state Sen. Vincent Gentile. Kruger also broke with the Democratic ranks by becoming an early leader of Democrats for Pataki, after which he received a decisive favor to his re-election from the GOP-led redistricting commission.

"It was a combination of factors," said Kruger, who ran against Connor's decision to serve as an election lawyer for the Independence Party candidate Golisano,

even though he endorsed the Democratic candidate, H. Carl McCall.

"He was paid over \$700,000 by the Golisano campaign to represent Mr. Golisano," Kruger said. "Everything factors in."

Before, Paterson's announcement, Connor spokeswoman Sue Gold said, "The Democrats [wanted Golisano on the Independence line. If it wasn't Golisano it was Pataki. The Democrats wanted him to do it."

It was initially believed that Golisano would primarily siphon votes from Pataki, but as the general election neared it became clear that the billboards was pulling from both major party rolls.

Speaking to The Brooklyn Papers before Paterson's announcement Wednesday, Gold added, "Marty is the leader and will be the leader."

— Patrick Gallahan

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Deers over car-free park

To the editor:

I am glad to see that your paper reported on [the] rally for a car-free Prospect Park (Nov. 4).

Isn't it about time that you endorsed this effort in your editorial pages, giving recognition to the fine council members who have taken on the onerous task of battling heads with an obstructionist Department of Transportation?

The DOT instituted new crosswalk no-turn zones in Manhattan with few preliminaries, but apparently this wise and benevolent agency requires years of study, at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars, to decide whether it's a good idea to get cars out of a park where children play.

The DOT's cowardice is matched only by that of Borough President Marty Markowitz, who talks a good game about fighting obesity, but seems to be too busy chugging egg creams to support an effort that will actually do something about it.

— Gary Young, Park Slope

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To the editor:

I find it mind boggling that the good folks at Transportation Alternatives have been leading the fight to get a car-free Prospect Park for over 10 years, and still there is little to no movement on it.

This is one of those under-the-radar issues that politicians will one day wake up and notice means a lot to the people of this borough. Obviously, the council persons surrounding the park have finally realized this and we must give them credit.

But the remaining holdouts on the issue, including our own Borough President Marty Markowitz, have shown woefully inadequate leadership on the issue. Hard to believe that the man we elected cares so little about the quality-of-life a car-free Prospect Park would afford Brooklynites. He defends keeping it open so a very, very small number of Brooklyn drivers can race through at rush hour.

It boils down to this: we are

— Jessica Goldberger

Park Slope

To the editor:

I support a car-free trial period in Prospect Park, but even after the second public meeting (since the late-'90s) on the issue and the recent demo I understand that DOT is still dragging their feet. Last week, I stopped at [Councilman Bill] DeBlasio's office and his aide told me they are still waiting for DOT to sign off on the three-month trial. The public and our representatives have spoken clearly on the issue — DOT, GET ON BOARD!

— Michael P. Gargano

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Easy piten

Hernandez, '86 Mets help Cobble Hill Health Center raise \$600G

By Lisa J. Curtis
The Brooklyn Papers

The Field of Dreams gala was a home run for the Cobble Hill Health Center, for gala chairman **Keith Hernandez** and nearest of all, for a handful of Mets fans. The Nov. 6 dinner and auction at the New York Hilton in Manhattan raised \$600,000 for the center's planned Alzheimer's Assisted Living Center, and brought together members of the '86 Mets, who signed cards, gloves and bats for anyone who asked and always with a smile.

Master of ceremonies, WCBS-TV's diminutive **Warner Wolf** emceed the evening, which honored all-star Mets and Yankees pitcher **David Cone** and chairman of the New York Mercantile Exchange **Vincent Viola**.

Cone, who pitched for the Mets from 1987 to 1992, told the crowd that he "grew up" as a Met. "It's a wonderful organization. I learned to play in New York," he said and thanked fellow Mets great **Rusty Staub**, saying, "You showed us how to love New York City."

Hernandez said the '86 Mets, who famously won the World Series in seven games after a miracle comeback in Game 6 against the Red Sox, were a "great draw" for the event, the third gala he's helmed, helping to raise important funds for the Alzheimer's center.

Last year's gala was cancelled after 9-11, Hernandez told GO Brooklyn. "The economy has been tough, but people are always giving," he said. "Wall Street's been great, too."

Hernandez told the crowd, "I wanted to

give back to the community of New York that's been so wonderful to me. The Cobble Hill Health Center does absolutely fantastic work. Tonight, with the three dinners, we are close to \$1 million. We have our eyes on a property two blocks from Cobble Hill and we'll be able to service another 70 to 100 patients."

Cobble Hill's Jacqueline Hernandez Adult Day Health Center, for people with Alzheimer's, is named in memory of the former first baseman's mother, who died of the disease in 1989, at age 59.

Hernandez attended the event with his girlfriend of one year, **Keith Thompson**, who praised his dedication. "We're happy there's such a turnout," she said.

The room murmured with excitement when former "Gong Show" host **Chuck Barris**, attending with his wife, Mary, was introduced. Barris told GO Brooklyn he has been friends with Hernandez, whom he met through Staub, for 10 years.

Part of the Barris buzz is that he's the subject of an upcoming **George Clooney** biopic, based on Barris' autobiography, "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind."

"I love it all," Barris said of the flick. "There are all sorts of good people in it like **Julia Roberts** and **Drew Barrymore**."

Barris said the film will be released Dec. 27. Fashion designer **Nicole Miller**, whose '92 collection incorporated baseball motifs, said she was most thrilled to see **Dwight "Doc" Gooden**, who has appeared in some of her fashion shows. (For the record, Gooden arrived in pinstriped suit, and red crocodile shoes he picked up at Freeman's in Atlanta.)

New York Giants football legends **Phil McKinney** and **Mark Bavaro** sat to-



Team players: Celebrities came out for a gala fundraiser, chaired by New York Mets legend Keith Hernandez, in support of the Cobble Hill Health Center on Nov. 6. Cobble Hill champs included (1) fashion designer Nicole Miller and former Met Dwight "Doc" Gooden, (2) Hernandez and tennis star John McEnroe, (3) honoree David Cone, and (4) former Mets manager Bobby Valentine.

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gether at another table.

McConkey said that he and Hernandez have been friends since 1985. "This is a wonderful organization and cause," McConkey said. "So many people are affected by it."

Bavaro told GO Brooklyn that although he now lives in Naples, Fla., he and McConkey work in New York at an equity trading firm. "We work in the same office, so it's like being on the team. We like that," said Bavaro.

Brooklyn Cyclones manager, and '86 Met **Howard Johnson**, was covered by a gaggle of fans at the VIP reception along with **Kevin Mitchell** and **Tim Lincecum**.

Cobble Hill Health Center CEO **Olga Lipschitz** said the event, with music by the huge Mark Stevens Starlight Orchestra, and real baseball and mitt centerpieces, was just as important as a public relations vehicle as it was from a fundraising point of view for the center, located at 300 Henry St. between Congress and Warren streets.

"We still don't have a total accounting, from both the silent and public auction, but all in all we are anticipating \$600,000 or a

bit over," Lipschitz told GO Brooklyn.

"We had a great crowd, tremendous," she said. "A lovely, lovely affair, not only counting the money, but the people's interest was piqued. Now John McEnroe and David Cone want to come out to see the center, so we will have a little thank you luncheon or breakfast. They'll look first-hand and see Cobble Hill for what it is. In that area the event was most successful."

Lipschitz said the center still needs "a good couple of million in hand" before they can open the doors on the planned \$16 million Alzheimer's facility. "The board itself is dedicated, it's not impossible," she said. "The one problem is calculation of how viable it will be and at what scale."

Additional gala attendees included tennis great **John McEnroe**, recently axed Mets manager, and 2000 Field of Dreams honoree, **Bobby Valentine**; '86 Met **Barry Lyons**, former Mets and Yankees pitcher **Mike Torres**; New York Ranger legend **Rod Gilbert**; artist **LeRoy Neiman** and actor **Kevin "Knobs Land-ing" Dobson**.

For more information on how to support the Cobble Hill Health Center, call Anthony at (718) 855-6789.

ART

All strung out

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THEATER

Star power

'Salome' brings Pacino, Tomei, Wiest to St. Ann's in DUMBO

By Lisa J. Curtis
The Brooklyn Papers

St. Ann's Warehouse in DUMBO is quickly gaining a reputation as the place to go for celebrities looking to explore their avant-garde side.

On Tuesday night, a reading of Oscar Wilde's "Salome" — starring Academy Award-winners Al Pacino, Marisa Tomei and Dianne Wiest — attracted a sold-out audience, which began queuing up an hour before showtime. This show follows February's "Too You, The Birdie (Phedre)," also at St. Ann's Warehouse, which starred Willem Dafoe and Frances McDormand. Directed by Estelle Parsons and developed at the Actors Studio, the limited run of "Salome" readings will continue through Dec. 22.

On opening night, the irrepressible actors truly did read from scripts, but frequently broke away from the pages.

"They are inhabiting their characters now. They are really beginning to be those people," commented Parsons, who is popularly known for her years as Roseanne's mother, Beverly Harris, on the hit television series "Roseanne;" not to mention five decades of work in stage, film and screen including her portrayal of Blanche Barrow in 1967's "Bonnie and Clyde," and Queen Margaret — and herself — in Pacino's "Looking for Richard" (1996). She is currently the artistic director of the Actors Studio.

Parsons told GO Brooklyn that she and Pacino began collaborating on "Salome" two years ago. She called it "a labor of love."

"When people are available — that's the basis of our operation — we jump up and do it," said Parsons.

The right space also has to be available.

"It's a strange work, and Al thought it would be nice to not do a New York run," said Parsons. "[Producer] Amy Norderlander said we should look where the Wooster group played last year — St. Ann's Warehouse — because it's not so much a commercial venue but an artistic one (if that distinction can be made), and we all loved it and it happened to be available."

Ultimately, Parsons said she hopes to stage "an experimental production" of "Salome" in repertory with "Oedipus" and possibly with the "Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui," in which Pacino starred in a National Actors Theatre run that ended Nov. 10.

Until then, St. Ann's audiences will have the opportunity to see "Salome" first, in an incredibly intimate venue that brings America's best actors — and a few movie idols — into close proximity. Pacino, who performed "Salome" on Broadway in 1992, revisits characters over and over again, explained Parsons, but "he didn't want to do it until we found a Salome." Parsons said they talked to "tons of people" before Pacino asked Tomei to consider the part of Princess Salome, the stepdaughter of Pacino's lusty King Herod.

At one point, King Herod tries to dissuade Salome from a decision, while his queen supports her.

"He really gets deep in himself and the intensity of it is incredible," said Parsons. "When he rises [from his velvet throne], when he needs the big heavy guns and all the strength is needed, and then turns on the queen, everyone in the room gets frightened. That whole passage is terribly meaningful for him. He really loves it."

Wiest plays Queen Herodias, wife of Herod and mother of Salome.

"There's not a better actress alive in the world today," said Parsons. "Her work has ranged all over the whole territory of femininity and she says she's still a work in progress. That part is not at all interesting on paper, and she's turning it into something terrific."

For Tomei, the role of the headstrong, insolent princess requires her to sensuously dance — unaccompanied, save for some tribal drumming — in front of Pacino and a thunderstruck audience. Parsons said that although this dance is not choreographed, Tomei worked for "many, many months with a Middle Eastern dance instructor and explored the spirituality of it."

Parsons said that the difficulty of staging "Salome" is that Wilde had intended the work to be read by actors — not acted. "When it's acted out, the audience doesn't have to use its imagination so much. What we feel is — what we consciously insist — is that the audience imagine what is happening. It's a strange little opportunity to have that beautiful language so crystal clear."

Readings of Oscar Wilde's "Salome" will continue at St. Ann's Warehouse, 38 Water St. at Dock Street in DUMBO, through Dec. 22. Tickets are \$50. Seating is general admission. For tickets, call Ticket Web at (866) 468-7619 or go to www.ticketweb.com.

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Tough spot

Porta Toscana will need some luck to survive on Seventh Ave.

By Tina Barry
for The Brooklyn Papers

While traveling on a bus recently, Iavedropped as a couple described their relationship to a woman sitting beside them. Being polite, she listened, nodded occasionally and murmured, "Isn't that nice," at the appropriate time. Oblivious to their scintillating glances and frozen smile, the couple continued their gushing descriptions of one another's sensitivity, intellect and sexual allure.

"She just gets me," he said of her. "Yes, we're soul mates," she sighed.

I'll be kind and say that had these "soul mates" not met, the chance of finding others who "just got them," would be slim. Why one restaurant works in a location and another doesn't, like the smitten couple on the bus who had the unique ability to see the positive in one another, can be chalked up to that intangible something called chemistry.

Take 183 Seventh Ave., in Park Slope, now home to Porta Toscana, a Tuscan-style eatery that opened in October. The expansive room has played host to one failed restaurant after another, most notably a Momo, can eatery where the number of patrons dining at any given time topped out at 10.

Not easily spooked, the optimistic

new owner, Ziva Assante, who also owns the popular Bacco in SoHo, hopes to break the location's spell of bad luck by revamping the room and extending the menu north of the Mediterranean Sea.

She has worked already: While the re-decorated room looks good, and the menu is ambitious, both fall short. The space now has a handsome Tuscan farmhouse theme with dark wood walls, moody lighting and racks of rustic pottery. Even with the apparent effort to create a comfortable setting, the room retains a bit of the chilliness that haunted its predecessors. A few bright splashes of color — maybe some vivid floral arrangements — would be welcome.

Huge, square plates — the size of most serving platters — make an artful presentation of the entrees. Unfortunately, a couple seated at a table for two will find their platters pushed rim-to-rim; their winged glasses precariously on the table's edge; and their unused silverware tumbling to the floor.

Clattering silverware and overly intimate plates can be overlooked if the food is terrific, and several chefs at Vincenzo Spirito's dishes were very good — a pasta dish and his light dressing had the high notes. A few, however, never hit the high notes.

Crostini, or crisp grilled Italian bread topped with a variety of pates, is a traditional beginning to a Tuscan



Chop, chop: Chef Vincenzo Spirito's rack of lamb is seasoned with rosemary and served with crisp green beans at Porta Toscana in Park Slope.

dinner. A chunky chicken liver pate usually makes an appearance on a crostini plate, and it is offered at Porta Toscana. A waxy mushroom pasta and a complex and deliciously salty black olive pate were gassy and satisfying, while chopped tomato and basil dressed with a fruity olive oil tasted like bland winter tomatoes. A blend of beefs and carrots produced gorgeous, ruby-red soup, with a luxurious silkiness, but the sweet-with-sweet pairing was too one-dimensional.

caviar added textural interest.

A briny sauce of broccoli rabe, garlicky fennel-studded sausage and anchovies, was undone by house-made orecchiette (little ear-shaped pasta). The pasta, undercooked to a state of hyper-chewiness, made eating more than one mouthful too labor intensive.

Melched pecorino cheese, zucchini and cherry tomatoes made a pleasant sauce for penne.

An entree of roasted rack of lamb, a Tuscan specialty — five small chops ringing the edge of the plate, cooked rare as ordered — were mild tasting, without that funky mineral taste some lamb-lovers prefer. (I'm one of them.) The piny scent and clean herbal flavor of rosemary, used to season the meat, went a long way in enhancing its flavor and aroma. On the plate were wedges of oven-baked potatoes, perfectly cooked, crisp string beans and julienne carrots. Smoky, sweet, grilled red pepper slices added plenty of color to the plate.

A course, sweet-and-sour, apple and onion sauce couldn't perform the necessary CPR needed on tough, thinly sliced pork chops. The same sides served with the lamb accompanied the chops with less success. Red peppers with pork chops can be delicious, but the apple, pork chop and pepper combination made for a capophonus threosone.

Desserts ended the meal on an up note. Tiramisu, a layered dessert of sponge cake, moistened with espresso and spread with pillow mounds of whipped mascarpone cheese has become a regular on many Italian dessert menus. Here it's feather-light with the espresso cutting the sweetness of the whipped cheese.

A drizzle of honey over the top of damp, dense, yet not heavy, classic ricotta cheesecake added an engaging floral note to the dessert.

Can Porta Toscana become a neighborhood "crowd-pleaser"? The possibility is there, but in the meantime, a lot of wand-waving needs to happen to break the spell cast on Porta Toscana's location.

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LUNCHEON: Alois Korsch Memorial for Cancer Research celebrates its 32nd year with a fundraising luncheon. \$50. Noon. Sincis Center, 8022 13th Ave. Call for reservations. (718) 853-3730.

LEAF RECYCLING: Get rid of those leaves. Bring bagged leaves to community gardens at Sixth Avenue and 15th Street. 10 am to 1 pm. (718) 702-1777.

FITNESS FAIR: New York Methodist Hospital and The Berkeley Carroll School host an event featuring yoga, jiu-jitsu, physical therapy, sports medicine, dental health, dia-

betes, massage therapy and more. 1 to 5 pm. 762 President St. (718) 780-5367. Free.

BAMCINEMATEK: "From Hanoi to Hollywood: 'How to Behave' (1987) and 'Tolerance for the Devil' (1992)." 6:30 and 9:30 pm. Q & A with director Tian Van Thy follows 6:20 pm. The Diner, 59 E. 62nd St. (718) 636-4111.

JEWISH FILMS: Congregation Beth El hosts and the Brooklyn Jewish Film Festival host a film fest. Today: "Summer in Hyde." 8:30 pm. 274 Garfield Place. (718) 768-3814.

FASHION SHOW: Brooklyn Public Library, Central branch, hosts a tea party and fashion show. 5:00 to 6 pm. Grand Army Plaza. (718) 679-7374.

Sun, Nov 17

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

CEMETERY TOURS: Take a walk through the park-like grounds of Green-Wood Cemetery, a Victorian city of the dead. John Hoffman leads tour. \$6. 1 pm. Meet inside main entrance at Fifth Avenue and 25th Street. (718) 469-5277.

WALKING TOUR: New York Like a Native takes a tour of Williamsburg. \$15. 2:30 to 5 pm. Call. (718) 393-2627.

PERFORMANCES

CBCC: Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "State Fair." \$40. 2 pm. Walt Whitman Hall, Brooklyn College, one block from the intersection of Flatbush and Ninth avenues. (718) 951-4500.

CHAMBER MUSIC: Brooklyn Friends of Chamber Music presents its second concert of

its 15th season featuring music by Fauré, Pevny, DeSantis and others. \$15. \$5 students. 3 pm. Lafayette Avenue.

MUSIC: Kingsborough Community College Band performs. Program features the Greenway Concerto in F. 2:30 pm. 2001 Oriental Blvd. (718) 368-5590. Free.

BAMCINEMATEK: A chamber music program of Beethoven and Brahms. 3:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-0883.

HEIGHTS PLAYERS: presents "Picnic." 2 pm. See Sat.

NEXT WAVE: Brooklyn Academy of Music presents "Korper." 3 pm. See Sat.

GALLERY PLAYERS: "High Strung" 3 pm. See Sat.

THEATRE: Narrows Community Theater presents "A Celebration of Song." 3 pm. See Sat.

PAPER MOON PLAYERS: "The Heavens." 3:30 pm. See Sat.

BROOKLYN FAMILY THEATRE: presents "Pier of Penance." 5 pm. See Sat.

CHILDREN

EDUCATION EXPO: Prospect Park invites teachers and families to take part in outdoor activities which include bird watching, nature and park tours. Educators are invited to learn about the Alliance's programs at Lefferts Homestead and the Audubon Center. 11 am to 3 pm. Prospect Park West and Fifth Street. (718) 765-6766. Free.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH: Maimonides Medical Center hosts a day of lectures, demonstrations, giveaways and health screenings, all geared toward education about the health needs of children. Noon to 5 pm. P.S. 180, 5601 16th Ave. (718) 634-7573. Free.

NY AQUARIUM: presents "Shark-a-Rama," a face-to-face meeting with sharks. Appropriate for kids ages 5 to 8. \$25. \$22 members (adult/child price). 1 to 3 pm. West Eighth Street and Surf Avenue. (718) 265-FISH.

PUPPETWORKS: Fall presentation of "The Sleeping Beauty." 12:30 and 2:30 pm. See Sat.

OTHER
SALE: Flatbush Jewish Center hosts a sale of housewares, clothing, stationery and white elephants. 10 am to 3 pm. 500 Church Ave. (718) 871-5200.

EXHIBIT AND SALE: Sale of stone sculptures from Zimbabwe hosted by CAMBA. Noon to 7 pm. 19 Winthrop St., between Brooklyn and Flatbush avenues. (718) 267-2600.

LIVE AUCTION: Nina Styles Renovation Contracting and Interior Design hosts a stop auction of mirrors, lamps, china, glassware and more. 1 pm sharp. 231 Fifth Ave. (718) 783-7022.

READING SERIES: Soft Skull presents Susan Swanson and Aimee Kelly. 2 pm. 71 Bond St. (718) 699-5872. Free.

ART: Seventh annual BVAC Small Works art exhibit. Noon to 4 pm. Art talk "Photography" at 2 pm. 409 Van Brunt St. (718) 296-2507. Free.

HEALTH TALK: Health Plus offers free talks on food poisoning and how to protect your children. 3 pm. 55th St. (718) 630-0125. Free.

BAMCINEMATEK: presents "From Hanoi to Hollywood: 'Today' (1978), 'Go Tell the Spartans' (1978), '92-430' (1978) and 'P-100' (1978)." 6:30 and 9:10 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

JEWISH FILMS: Congregation Beth El hosts and the Brooklyn Jewish Film Festival host a film fest. Today: "Kissing Jessica Stein" (2001). \$6. \$4 children. 8 pm. 274 Garfield Place. (718) 768-3814.

Mon, Nov 18

CONFERENCE: Kingsborough Community College hosts a conference focusing on current rise of anti-Semitism around the world. "The Resurgence of Anti-Semitism: A Global Perspective," is sponsored by the College's Holocaust Resource Center and Departments of History, Philosophy and Political Science. 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. 2001 Oriental Blvd. Call for ticket information. (718) 368-5669.

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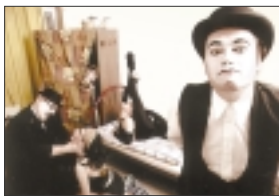
Tiger Lillies and Laurie Anderson to perform at St. Ann's Warehouse

By Paulanne Simmons
for The Brooklyn Papers

St. Ann's Warehouse, one of New York City's hottest performance venues, welcomes two of the world's hottest performing

artists this November: international cult phenomenon Tiger Lillies, performing their "Death and the Bible" concert, and singer-songwriter-filmmaker Laurie Anderson and her band with their "Live at the Warehouse" concert.

Tiger Lillies is a three-piece band fronted by singer-accompanied Martyn Jacques, accompanied by drummer Adrian Huge and double bass player Adrian Stout. GO Brooklyn spoke by phone with Jacques, who was



Shocking trio: The Tiger Lillies, vocalist Martyn Jacques, bassist Adrian Stout and percussionist Adrian Huge, will perform their songs at St. Ann's Warehouse on Nov. 16.

recording in a Paris suburb. "We're always trying to write stuff that moves us and is different than before," said Jacques. "We've recorded about 13 albums, and we have new ones coming out. You always have to try for something different."

Tiger Lillies CDs include "Two Penny Opera," "Circus Songs," "Shocked Peter," a musical theater piece based on Heinrich Hoffmann's "Struwwelpeter," children's stories and most recently, "Gorey End," featuring Tiger Lillies songs and accompaniment by the Kronos Quartet.

Jacques, who writes songs with savage, blasphemous lyrics that he sings in a castrato voice, says he didn't really discover his style until he was almost 30.

"I taught myself how to sing. I wanted to evolve a style of music that is hard to classify ... It took me a long time," he said. At 36, he mixed that sound with the accordion.

"Before that I played piano, guitars and other instruments. I was experimenting. I just couldn't come up with a style that was interesting and original. I was getting quite desperate. Then everything jelled instantaneously. Then I founded the band and it took off. That was 13 years ago."

Jacques did much of that experimenting while living over a SoHo strip joint.

"The environment does stroke into you. I became influenced by the people and the environment in which I lived," said Jacques. "I absorbed it into my life and lyrics. I got to know the twilight world of prostitutes, pimps and drug addicts. I was living with them so that's what became my life."

As for his music, Jacques calls it a "huge melting pot" of different influences: Edith Piaf, English dance hall music, gypsy music, Russian music, blues, opera and classical. "Hopefully, you come out with something unique and original," he said.

Anderson gets personal

Laurie Anderson has explored so many different media that her most notable feature may be her ability to elude all attempts at classification. Her first album was "Big

Science"; subsequent releases include "Mister Heartbreak," "United States Live," "Strange Angels," "Bright Red," and the soundtrack to her feature film "Home of the Brave." After a seven-year hiatus, she released "Live on a String" in May 2001, followed by "Live in New York" last May.

Anderson's shows range from simple spoken word to elaborate multimedia events such as "Songs and Stories from Moby Dick," which opened the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Next Wave festival in 1999. Her visual work has been represented in major museums in the United States and Europe as well as in the book "Laurie Anderson" by RoseLee Goldberg (Abrams, 2000). And she has contributed music to films by

MUSIC

Tiger Lillies will perform on Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. at St. Ann's Warehouse (20 Water St. at Dock Street in DUMBO). Tickets are \$25. Laurie Anderson will perform Nov. 20-24; all shows at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50. For tickets, call (718) 858-0424 or visit www.ticketweb.com (up to two hours before showtime).

Win Wenders and Jonathan Demme, as well as dance pieces by Bill T. Jones, Trisha Brown and Molissa Fenley.

"My passport says artist," she told GO Brooklyn.

If a theme runs through her work, it would be the narrative story.

"It's always the basis, whether it's a movie or a performance," she said. At St. Ann's this modern day balladeer will be working with the same band with whom she toured last year—bassist Skuli Sverrisson, keyboardist Peter Scherer and percussionist Ben Wittman.

"They're wonderful musicians," said Anderson. "I love that there could be more texture than I ever could do by myself. It's exciting. It opens doors to other people's ideas. When you work alone in your studio you get lonely."

Anderson said her performance at St. Ann's will be, like her solo tour "Happiness," about personal stories.

"I'll see if it works with a band," she said. In addition to seeing how "some very narrative stories work with a band," Anderson said she plans to do "lots of improvising ... older songs and rearrangements."

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